# **December**

Sister Philomena Mulholland D.M.J. was born in Co Louth on 7th August 1928 and passed away in Los Angeles on 27th December 2014. Sister was the third of nine children born to Joseph and Anne Mulholland. A devoted teacher she served in many schools including St Paul the Apostle in Westwood, Our Lady of Peace in North Hills, St James in La Crescenta and Our Lady of the Rosary in Paramount. Sister Philomena is survived by sisters Peggy Griffith, Anne O'Connell and Rosaleen

McElherron; brother Noel Mulholland and several nephews and nieces. **John Sidney Rickerby** passed away on December 21st, 2014, at the age of 81. He was born in Belfast, County Antrim in 1933. In 1957 John emigrated to Toronto. In 1960 he married Bel-fast born Rosaleen Anderson in Toronto. Shortly thereafter they came to the USA. John founded the John S. Rickerby Company, a business which is still thriving today. He was inter-

viewed on television and radio and contributed numerous articles to the Los Angeles Times, The Belfast Telegraph, and other publications about the Irish situation, the most well-known being "Who Killed Little Michelle?" However, his main claim to fame in the Southern California Irish community was his singing voice, as well as his love of story and joke telling. John was often asked why he didn't at-tempt to "go pro" with his singing, and his answer was always the same: "It's enough for me just making my friends happy." Before John's death, his son, Mark, helped him write and publish his memoir

present. John's memoir can also be found online on numerous websites. Please contact Mark at 818 913 0811 for details of John's memorial service, which will be held in Burbank in late January. john is predeceased in 1997 by his son Paul William Rick-erby. John is survived by his wife, Rosaleen; his son, Mark, his daughterin-law, Claudia, and granddaughters, Mali and Emma. John's kindness and effervescent personality will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

titled The Other Belfast about his first 24 years of life there. Mark also put together a CD of his dad singing some of his favorite songs titled "Get Rickerby Up for a Song!" (Something someone would inevitably shout out in pubs when they knew John was

Ed Elks was born in North Carolina and passed away from cancer in Los Angeles (Kaiser, Hollywood) on 15th December. Ed is survived by his partner Ann Taylor Philcox of Panorama City. A celebration of Ed's life will take place on Saturday, 3rd January at 1pm at the American Legion hall, 24527 Spruce St, Newhall. 91321.

On 9th December 2014 Mary Sullivan, a native of Co Tipperary passed away in Beckenham, Kent, England. Mary is survived by her husband Michael Sullivan (from Castletownbere, West Cork) and sons Paul and Barry. Mary is the sister in law of Neil Sullivan of Burbank.

**November** 

Patricia Brady was born on 16th September 1946 in Saltcoats, Scotland and passed away suddenly and peacefully at her

Political Science. Patricia had a very successful career as a legal secretary working for prominent law firms here In the

### home in La Verne on 8th November 2014. The Brady family immigrated to Canada in the 1950's and then on to the Long Beach area. Patricia graduated from Long Beach Poly High School and from Cal State University, Long Beach with a degree in

Southland. (She worked with my son, Danny at Kindel and Anderson years ago). Patricia was a great friend and supporter of the Irish Community, including the Irish Radio Hour. She and her brother Donald were co-owners of the popular "Patriot Game" Irish bar in San Diego and Newport Beach. She donated Irish books and other "Irish" gifts to the Irish Center. The four provinces of Ire-land —on cloth and framed—that are displayed at the St Patrick's Celebration every St Pa-tricks time at the Hilton Hotel, in Glendale were a gift from Patricia Brady. Patricia is survived by two brothers Donald (Dawn) in Austin, Texas and Ian (Mary) Brady in Toronto, Canada and numerous nieces and nephews in California, Texas and Canada. John J. "Jack" Christie was born in Flint, Michigan on 12th February 1927 and passed away in Santa Cruz on 8th November 2014. (According to Obituary Notice in L. A. Times). Jack graduated from Loyola University with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1951. His career with Caltrans spanned over 40 years. He was a founder of the Big Irish Fair in 1976 and served as President of the L.A. Ancient Or- der of Hibernians and President of the St Andrew's Society. Jack Christie is survived by his wife Lucille M. Christie, five children, ten grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren

Kathryn Marie Madden was born in Los Angeles on August 10th 1929 and passed away in Sonora on November 3rd 2014. Kathryn was preceded in death by her husband Brendan Madden. Brendan who was born in Co Sligo regularly played the accordion at Irish dances at "5th and Western" and other venues in the 1950's. The children were aged 10, 9 and 8 years when their father passed away. Kathryn Madden was the daughter of the late Jack and Margaret Ring. Kathryn was employed by the Bank of America and became one of the first females appointed as a manager of the Bank. Kathryn was a sportswoman who loved to bowl and she loved her L. A. Dodgers. Kathryn is survived by her son Michael and daughter in law Robin; daughter

Brenda Kay Briton, grandson Shaheen Nilchian, granddaughter Kelly Briton and great grandson Luka Gonzales; daughter Lynne and son in law Paul Fiske and granddaughters Jillian and Megan Fiske. She is also survived by her sister Evelyn and

**October** Albert V. Ryan passed away in Redondo Beach on 10th October. A native Californian Albert was a successful actor. He was known in our community as "The Irish Vampire." Albert was predeceased by his sister, Margaret Ryan Weston of Long Beach in March 2014. Albert Ryan is survived by his sister, Marie T. Ryan in Redondo Beach, brother in law Patrick Weston, nephews and other relatives in New York and Ireland. Imelda O'Brien passed away in Ireland on 9th October 2014. Imelda has lived in Santa Barbara in recent years. Imelda was on

her way to Ireland to visit her son Sean and her grandchildren in Co Laois when she had a heart attack on the flight to London. She was hospitalized in London for a time until she was well enough for her to be moved to Ireland. Imelda passed away in Ireland on 9th October. Imelda O'Brien was predeceased by her husband John and their son David. She is survived by her son

brother in law, Doug Dow in Oxnard.

Sean and the grandchildren in Co Laois.

meeting William Stanton from the Curragh, Co. Kildare.

Mary trained as a Registered Nurse in Bristol. She came to this country in 1955.

survived by his wife of 52 years, Kathleen, and seven children.

incredibly intelligent, a gifted musician and a genuine animal lover"

family, nieces, nephews, cousins and many cherished friends both here & in Ireland.

Shortly thereafter Bridie and William got married.

touched by her nurturing ways.

Sheila and Deirdre (Jesse) Mendoza.

Mary A. (Maureen) O'Donoghue was born in Dublin in 1931 and passed away in Ladera Ranch, Orange County on 8th October 2014. Maureen was the oldest of nine children. She came to California in 1959. Denis and Maureen got married in 1960. Maureen is survived by her husband of 54 years, Denis; daughters: Sheila (Fred) & Mary (Scott); sons: Donal (Jennifer); Joe (Kathy); Finbar (Kim) and Kevin; eleven grandchildren and two great grand children.

August **Bridget Theresa Stanton**—"Bridie", aged 83, passed away in Yorba Linda on 23rd August 2014. Bridie was born in Mount Charles, Co Donegal on 7th June 1931 to the late John and Agnes Griffin. She grew up in Ireland with her six siblings—Peter Griffin, Sean Griffin and Ena Campbell who survive her and George Griffin and Annie Reed-Forrester who predeceased her.

### Bridie in Yorba Linda and her oldest sister Molly Freeman in London both passed on the same day. The families are comforted knowing that the sisters walked hand in hand to be with Our Lord.

God blessed her with nine grandchildren: Liam, Conor and Sean Stanton; Cody, Shane and Meghan Henderson; and Jesse, Reilly and Aideen Mendoza. The Rosary and the funeral mass took place at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Placentia.

In 1952, Bridie left Ireland to begin a new life in the United States. She worked in New York City and Beverly Hills before

A woman of Faith and the Heart of the Stanton family, Bridie was loved and adored by all who were blessed to have been

Bridie is survived by her loving husband of fifty three years, William; son-- John (Grace); daughters: Mary (Bill) McVey, Annie,

Fr Brian Doran was the celebrant of the mass. Mary Kilduff Abbott was born on 13th October 1917 in the village of Sallyhernane, Knock, Co Mayo and passed away on 23rd August 2014 at the home of her daughter's in Sherman Oaks.

Mary is predeceased by her husband Basil; son Shaun; sisters Margaret Kramer & Anne Costello; and brother Patrick.

Albert Reynolds was born on 3rd November 1932 in Rooskey, Co Roscommon and passed away on 21st August 2014. He was twice prime minister in the Republic of Ireland in the 1990's. President Clinton said Albert Reynold's work alongside British

Prime Minister John Majors provided the bedrock for Northern Ireland's eventual 1998 peace accord. Albert Reynolds is

Vincent Gilboy—a devout husband, loving father, and a friend to all passed away peace-fully on 31st July 2014, at home surrounded by family. The third of thirteen children, "Vince" was born on the 7th January 1932 in Ballina, Co Mayo to Michael

Mary is survived by her daughter Jennifer, niece Mary McNulty, Corona Del Mar; and neph-ews and nieces here and in Ireland.

and Lena Gil-boy. Recently celebrating fifty years of marriage with his loving bride, Mary (Betty) Gil-boy, Vince provided a shining example of a faithful Catholic Christian life. Vincent is survived by his wife, Mary; children: Brendan (Rachael), Helen (Paul) and Sean (Elizabeth); and nine grandchildren. A Memorial Mass for Vincent Gilboy will take place within a few weeks. When the information is received it will be posted on our website.

## **Edel Mahady** was one of 298 passengers and crew who lost their life when the Malaysian Airlines flight from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpier was shot down by a missile over Ukraine. Mrs Mahady was returning to her home in Perth, Western Australia after spending a fortnight in Palmerstown, Dublin visiting her elderly mother, Monica.

June

May

July

Edel is survived by her husband, Dublin born Derek, son Conor and daughter Ciara in Perth; her mother Monica, sisters: Maeve in Scotland and Grainne in Dublin: several nephews & nieces. Rory Callahan, aged 24, passed away in Chicago on 4th July 2014 after losing his battle with cancer. He is survived by his mother Liza Flatley Callahan, his brother Michael and his sister Ashley. Rory was predeceased by his

father Patrick Callahan, a well known trial attorney in Chicago. Also survived by his aunts Annie and Thoma (Santa Monica); uncles Mi-chael—(world famous Michael Flatley) in Ireland and Patrick; also grandparents Michael (Sligo) and Elizabeth Ryan Flatley, Carlow. About a week before his passing, Rory Calla-han got engaged to his life long love, Erika Peter. Erika and all the

family were with him when Rory departed His aunt Annie said—"It was strangely beautiful. Rory was a lovely young man,

Gerald Ali McKenna was born in Belfast on 21st June 1933 and passed away here on 29th May. Ali was the 5th of 12 children born to Gerald & Lily McKenna. Ali & Roseleen Cleary were married In 1956. Ali came here in January 1964 to establish a new home for his family. In 1965 he returned to Belfast to bring his family to Los Angeles. Ali worked the graveyard shift at Technicolor, came home for breakfast with his family and then go on to work as a brick mason specializing in fireplaces. He was a master brick mason.

Maurice & Patsy; Eighteen grandchildren; seven great children; two sons-in-law & one daughter in law. Plus a host of extended

**Melkon Stephan Agopian** was born on 8th March 1936 in Alexandria, Egypt and passed away in San Marino on 16th June 2014. Melkon came here in 1967. He received his Bache-lor of Science in Egypt and his Masters from CSU Dominguez Hills.

Ali is survived by his wife of 57 years, Roseleen; sons: Eamon, Gerald, Brendan & Mar-tin; daughters: Patricia, Maureen, Roisin. Ann Marie preceded him in death. Also sur-vived by sisters: Maureen, Pauline, Margaret & Nuala; brothers: Frank.

Melkon was a hospi-tal chemist for a decade. At Specialty Labs—later acquired by Quest Diagnostics-Melkon, who was a vice president, was known as "the Chief". Melkon Agopian, married in 1975, is survived by his wife Sadie (Mulvey) and their son Sean. Maura Higgins, nee O'Reilly passed away in Dublin on 11th June 2014. Maura was born in Dublin and lived here in Los Angeles working for an Insurance Company for twelve years. Maura returned to Dublin to marry Danny Higgins. Danny passed away about 18 months ago. Maura is survived by her brothers: Jack & Myles O'Reilly, sisters Lena Sheehan in Dublin and Kathleen Kiernan in Woodland Hills.

Pat Brazil who was born in Waterford passed away in La Quinta on 2nd June 2014 aged 85. "Paddy" would have been 86 the

following day. Predeceased by his wife Maire. Sur-vived by two sons: Anthony and wife Diane and grandsons Kevin and

Patrick; son Leo-nard and wife Ann and grandchildren Brian, Megan and Sean. Also a sister Kathleen in Waterford.

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Quinn; brothers Joseph and Paul (Sheila)Brady.

Isle Club for many years.

He will be buried in Co Tyrone.

Saturday 12th April .

April

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**Anthony G. Brady** was born in Dublin in 1941 and passed away in Cerritos on 25th May 2014. Anthony came here in 1960. He

is survived by his wife Letitia; sons: Derric, & Bren-dan; daughter Bernadette; sisters Mary (Dennis) Murray and Bernadette

**Joan Forte** was born in Dublin on 30th October 1922 and passed away in Vancouver on 20th May 2014. Joan lived here for several years and she and her husband Joe Forte were very ac-tive in our Irish community. Joan was President of the Emerald

Joe passed away in 1995. Joan moved to Vancouver to be close to her sons Robert & Stephen Ford. She lived with Stephen, his wife and son, Cole. Joan enjoyed being with family and Cole was her pride & joy. Robert & Stephen are both musicians.

Sister Margery Flynn RSHM was born in Waterford and passed away in Orange on 7th May 2014. She was eighty years old. Sr Margery entered the order of the Religious of the Sacred Heart in Tarrytown, New York sixty three years ago. She taught in several schools including St Alphonsus, Los Angeles, St Patrick's in North Hollywood, St Francis de Sales in Sherman Oaks, Marymount Junior in Los Angeles, St Joseph's in Cupertino and Palos Verdes. Sr Margery Flynn will be greatly missed by her

Rev Fr Kenneth Oliver McCabe was born on 8th July 1939 in Ballybay, Co Monaghan and passed away here on 1st April

2014. He received his primary education in the local national school. For his secondary education he attended the renowned St

Joan is survived by Robert and Stephen; Cole & Rory; several nephews and nieces both here and Ireland

RSHM Sisters, her family, her students and her many friends. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City.

Ali was the 5th of 12 children born to Gerald & Lily McKenna. Ali & Roseleen Cleary were married In 1956. Ali came here in January 1964 to establish a new home for his family. In 1965 he returned to Belfast to bring his family to Los Angeles. Ali worked the graveyard shift at Technicolor, came home for breakfast with his family and then go on to work as a brick mason

Father McCabe is survived by two brothers: Fr John McCabe and Michael McCabe; sister Mrs Mary Conroy and several nephews and nieces. Services for Father McCabe took place at St Paul the Apostle Church in Chino Hills. Internment in St Patrick's cemetery, Ballybay, Co Monaghan. March

Father Ken returned here for his annual health check-up in 2012. Unfortunately he was diagnosed as having cancer and for the

Hugh Valentine Davis was born in Cork City on 28th January 1928 and passed away in Riverside on 20th March 2014. Hugh was the youngest of six children. As a young boy he excelled in school learning Gaelic & Latin. As a young man he dreamt about becoming an architect. In 1950 he came here to pursue his dream. In 1951 Hugh met Margaret Dowling at an Irish dance. On 11th June 1955 Hugh & Maggie were married. Hugh became a successful architect. Maggie & Hugh had seven

Kevin and Bing Crosby were "golfing buddies". I'm sure they have squeezed in a game already

Sacramento; Mater Dei High School, Santa Ana and Louisville High School in Woodland Hills.

In 2002 after teaching in St John Seminary for 20 years, Sister Patrice retired to Louisville Convent.

James; sister in law Rita Hughes; nephew Jim Curran and niece Maureen Curran Tafoya.

2014. Kitty was the daughter of Martin & Elsie Geraghty. Kitty was also predeceased by her brothers Joe, Walter, Austin, Broddie and Paddy. Kitty worked at the Grand Central Hotel in Westport (now the Wyatt) for many years. She was a great Bingo fan and loved the TV Soaps. Kitty Geraghty is survived by her sister Mary Cox in Sun Valley, California and several nieces and nephews throughout Ireland. **Sister Patrice Benson** was born in Kiltimagh, Co Mayo and passed away n Woodland Hills on the 1st of February. She entered religious life in 1947. She came to California in 1960. Sister taught in Holy Name of Mary, San Dimas; St Robert,

Kitty Geraghty was born in Drumindoo, Westport, Co Mayo on 6th June 1933 and passed away in Castlebar on 20th February

"Jimmy's" opened in 1978 and instantly became "the" place. Frank Sinatra, Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor, Ronald and Nancy Reagan were regulars. Jimmy & Anne were such natural hosts, at ease with everyone they met. In 2000 Jimmy decided to change direction and he sold the restaurant. Jimmy & Anne invested in a musical on the life of Charlie Chaplin and that musical is now touring the world. Jimmy Murphy is survived by his wife of fifty years, Anne; daughter Geraldine (Chuck) Weiner; sons Sean & Jamie; and

Francisco in late 1950's. He re located to Los Angeles shortly thereafter. Jim was well known, well liked and always respected. He provided his home several times for fundraisers to support issues of human rights in Northern Ireland. Jim D'Darcy is survived by his companion, Margaret Beck; brothers Frank & Mick; sisters Emily, Nora and Peggy; and several nieces & nephews.

On the 15th January, Cahal Branley who was born in Glenade, Co Leitrim passed away in Santa Rosa. Cahal, aged 69, had fought valiantly for three years with cancer. He came to this country fifty years ago. Cahal is survived by his wife Nancy; sons; Christopher, Patrick and Brian; grandson: Callen. Cahal is also survived by three sisters: Mary Flynn in La Canada, Bridie Tiffoney & Bernadette Walpole in Ireland; four brothers:

Macartan's College in Mullaghmurphy, Co Monaghan. In 1958 Father McCabe joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts, spending his one year novitiate in Cootehill, Co Cavan. He was ordained on 15th August 1965 and was assigned to Rochester, New York for one year. The next few years he taught at Damien High School in La Verne. In 1970 he transferred to Bishop Alemany High School Mission Hills where he served as teacher, department chair and assistant principal. Father McCabe, in 1980, became the Staff Chaplain at St John's in Santa Monica for four years followed by thirteen years at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Mission Hills. From 1972 to 1994 Father Ken served as Chaplain to the U.S. Army Reserves and in 1990 during the Gulf War was mobilized to Brook Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Returning to parish ministry in 1998, Father Ken served at St John Eudes, Chatsworth before moving to St Paul the Apostle Church in Chino Hills as Parochial Vicar for eight years Father Ken engaged in week-end ministry in several parishes including St Elizabeth and St Bridget of Sweden in Van Nuys, St Didacus in Sylmar, St Euphrasia in Northridge, Santa Rosa in San Fernando, Our Lady of Peace in Sepulveda, St Charles in North Hollywood, Mary Immaculate in Pacoima, Our Lady of Lourdes in Tujunga, Our Lady of Lourdes in Northridge and St Linus in Norwalk. Father Ken retired in July 2008 and returned to his beloved Co Monaghan. He was appointed and served as Pastor of St

**Rev Monsignor Hugh Gerald Mc Sorley** was born in Co Tyrone in 1941 and passed away on 28th March 2014. Msgr Gerry was ordained at All Hallows College, Dublin in 1964 for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He served in St Mariana, Pico Rivera, Holy Angels, Arcadia, St Timothy, Los Angeles and St Barnabas, Long Beach. Msgr Gerry was appointed pastor in St Mariana and later as pastor in St Bernard's in Los Angeles from whence he retired in 2011. On Sunday 6th April there will be a viewing from 4 to 7 pm followed by a Rosary at St Bernard's Church, 2500 West Avenue 33, Los Angeles 90065. The funeral mass for Monsignor Gerald McSorley will take at 11 am on Monday, 7th April at St Bernards

**James Patrick Shivnan** was born in Keadue, Co Roscommon on 12th February 1935 and passed away on 26th March 2014. "Jimmy" was very well known here in So California as a gentleman and a gifted musician. Jimmy started playing music at the age of 4. Years later Jimmy and his childhood friends formed the Savoy Swing Seven Show Band and played several venues throughout Ireland. They quickly gained a wonderful reputation. On one occasion while playing relief to the great Syd Phillip's Band, Phillips, a clarinetist of note was heard to say "How can I follow that" referring to the ability of the brilliant Shivnan. In 1968, Jimmy came to Los Angeles where he soon became part of the local Irish music sceneJimmy was a versatile musician playing flute, saxophone, tin whistle, clarinet and trumpet. One of his great passions was Dixieland Jazz. Jimmy is survived by

his wife Marie; daughters: Clodagh, Maeve & Claire; granddaughter Kate Fechtig; sister Margaret Curran & her husband

The mass for Jimmy Shivnan will take place at Visitation Church, 6561 West 88th Street, Los Angeles. CA 90045 at 10 am on

**Kevin Anderson** was born in Cork City on 26th August 1926 and passed away in Covina on 6th March 2014. Kevin came to California in 1948. Kevin and Bridget Murphy, from Cork, were married in 1950. Kevin was well known in the San Gabriel Valley. He was a matchstick artist. He had a great sense of humor. Kevin was predeceased by his wife, Bridget. He is survived by son

children. Hugh was a drummer in the Nicholson Pipes and Drums for many years. Maggie Davis passed away on 16th June 2013 in Riverside. Hugh Valentine Davis is survived by son: Thomas; six daughters: Enda (Eugene) Veres, Theresa, Maureen, Patricia, Siobhan and Clare (Michael); and grandchildren Christopher and Alana Wohlers and Brendan Veres.

Niall and daughters: Fiona, Eileen & Maureen.

Mary's Church in Clontibret, Co Monaghan for three and a half years.

next two plus years was committed to a rigorous regimen of chemo and radiation therapies.

**February** 

**January Jimmy Murphy** was born on the 4th June 1938 in Kilkenny and passed away in Beverly Hills on 31st January 2014. At the age of 14 he left home to work in Dooley's Hotel in Waterford. A few years later Jimmy moved to London where he worked and trained at the Savoy Hotel. At a dance in Leicester Square in 1963 he met Anne Power who was planning to come to Los Angeles. Jimmy and Anne fell in love. Anne, a nurse, came to Los Angeles but before the end of the year Jimmy Murphy had joined her. Jimmie easily found work. He worked at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel and The Bistro.

grandchildren Brandon & Charlotte. **Jim D'Arcy** was born in Co Wexford in 1936 and passed away at home in Los Angeles on 18th January 2014. Jim came to San

Sean in Fountain Valley, Oliver, Eugene and Martin in Ireland...